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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/616,707	07/10/2003	Refaat S. Fanous	2682/102	1553

TITLE OF INVENTION: SELF-RETAINING RETRCTOR

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Application No.: 10/616,707
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For: Self-Retaining Retractor

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